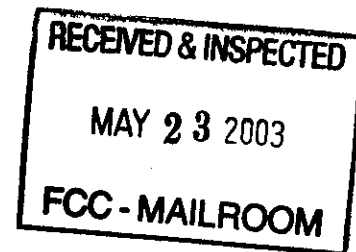




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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 - Annual Carrier Certification Due June 30, 2003

This is to certify that Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company will use its **Universal Service INTERSTATE ACCESS SUPPORT - IAS** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below:

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company	Iowa	351229
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